

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

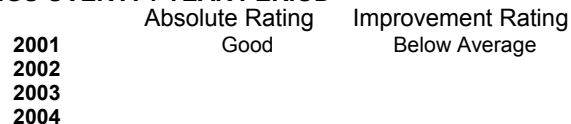
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 85.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent.

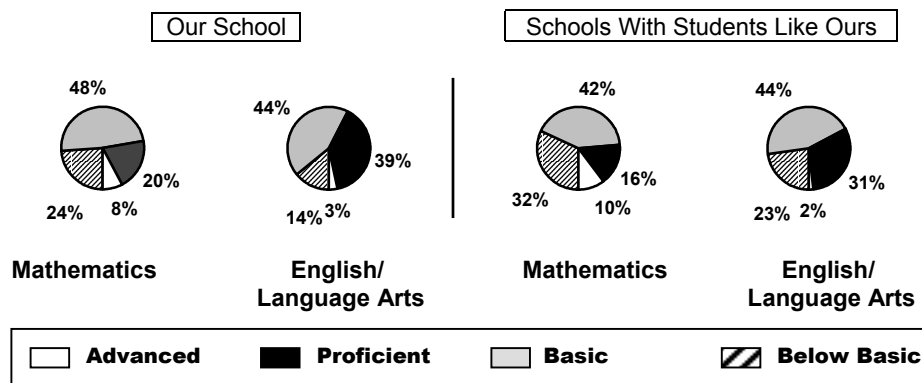
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=155)	85.8	76.1	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=17)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=138)	87.7	79.7		
Gender				
Male (n=81)	85.2	71.6		
Female (n=74)	86.5	81.1		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=54)	77.8	63		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=97)	89.7	83.5		
Other (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=85)	83.5	69.4		
Pay for lunch (n=70)	88.6	84.3		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$8,427	N/A	\$5,091	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	91.5%	Down from 93.1%	89.7%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19 to 1	N/A	18.5 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=338)				
• Attendance Rate	96.8%	Down from 96.9%	95.9%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	10.3%	N/A	4.7%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	9.7%	N/A	3.3%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	96.8%	Up from 96.4%	96.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	4.7%	Up from 2.4%	3.3%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=31)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	10.9 Days	Up from 7.2	7.5 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.7%	Down from 97.4%	95%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	67.7%	Down from 71.4%	45.5%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	83.9%	Down from 89.7%	84%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	90.7%	Down from 93.6%	88.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$42,572	Up 4.7%	\$37,411	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.8%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	13	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	95.5%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	43.2%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Up from 0%	1.1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	18.3%	Up from 14.8%	12.6%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	15.7%	Up from 11.6%	8.6%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The students at Cannons Elementary School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, have experienced a year of wonderful opportunities. We recognize that each child is unique, and we organize our school programs to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed. Multiple programs are offered to meet these needs. In addition to the Kindergarten through 5th grade classes, we serve students in four self-contained district special education classes, a 4-year-old kindergarten program and a Therapeutic Preschool program for children age 3 and 4 with special needs. Our 21st Century After School Community Learning Center allows us to further meet the academic, social and physical needs of all children in grades 3 through 5. Grants from The Greater Arts Partnership of Spartanburg and the State Department of Education have afforded us the opportunity to offer many varied artistic and musical experiences for our children and community.

As a result of these programs, our students performed above expectations on the CSAB (first grade readiness test), PACT assessment and standardized achievement tests when compared to cohort schools with similar student demographics. In our reading incentive program, our students read a total of 22,550 books. Seven students took first place honors in area art shows. Our geography bowl team won the Elementary District Competition for the second year in a row. 54 students participated in the regional science fair with one student winning the National Audubon Award.

Our faculty and staff members are committed to providing excellent programs for our students. We were one of 47 schools statewide to receive the Flagship Award for Excellence in the Schools of Promise Initiative. In addition, we were recognized by the State Department of Education as an Exemplary Writing School. This year we successfully completed our five-year school renewal plan and we received full accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. 77 percent of our teachers have a Master's Degree or above. One of our teachers, Mrs. Luanne Bridges, was selected as District Teacher of the Year.

Cannons Elementary School is the "heart" of the community. The support of the parents, PTO, School Improvement Council and other community members helps us ensure that our students receive quality educational programs in a positive, safe and happy environment.

Donna E. Lipscomb, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	92.5	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	94.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	96.3	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Cannons Elementary
1315 Old Converse Road
Spartanburg, SC 29307

Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 338 Students

Principal

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Mr. Larry Hodge 864-474-2161

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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